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Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC" or "Commission") Rules of Practice and Procedure, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.49, 1.415, and 1.419 (1995), the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners ("NARUC") respectfully files these comments addressing the "Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking" ("R&O" and "NPRM") released in the above captioned proceeding March 11, 1996 [FCC 96-99]. NARUC, inter alia, respectfully requests the FCC (i) immediately initiate a joint board to address cost allocation/separations issues raised by this NPRM and "other" broadband services, and (ii) monitor the LEC provisioning of video programming and video services with regards to orders for services, pole attachments and video channel capacity.

In support of these requests, NARUC states as follows:

**NARUC's April 1, 1996 Initial Comments**

**I. NARUC'S INTEREST**

NARUC is a quasi-governmental nonprofit organization founded in 1889. Members include the governmental bodies engaged in the regulation of utilities from all fifty States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. NARUC's mission is to improve the quality and effectiveness of public utility regulation in America. More specifically, the NARUC is composed of, inter alia, State and territorial officials charged with regulating telecommunications common carriers within their respective borders. In that capacity, they must assure that those communications services and facilities required by the public convenience and necessity are established

NARUC is also the body that nominates state commission members to the Federal-State Joint Boards as specified in Section 410 of the Communications Act. NARUC actively represents the interests of its membership both in Joint Board proceedings and other FCC dockets impacting on state regulatory initiatives. NARUC also collaborates with the CCB in matters of common interest.<sup>1</sup> As detailed below, the Open Video System ("OVS") NPRM raises separation issues of interest to individual state commissions and the existing Separations Joint Board.

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<sup>1</sup> According to 47 C.F.R. § 0.91 (c) one of the "functions" of the Common Carrier Bureau is to "[c]ollaborate with representatives of state regulatory commissions and with the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners in cooperative studies of common carrier and related matters."

## II. BACKGROUND

On February 8, 1996, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("1996 Act") was signed into law.<sup>2</sup> Among other things, the 1996 Act repeals the telephone-cable cross-ownership restriction imposed by the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984. That restriction prevented Local Exchange Companies ("LECs") from providing video programming directly to subscribers in their telephone service areas. In addition, the 1996 Act repeals the Commission's "video dialtone" ("VDT") rules and policies, which were established to permit LECs to participate in the video marketplace in a manner that was consistent with the statutory cross-ownership ban.

In a series of orders spanning 1991 through 1995, the Commission established a regulatory framework for LECs to provide Video Dial Tone ("VDT") service on a common carrier basis.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56, approved February 8, 1996

<sup>3</sup> See Telephone Company-Cable Television Cross-Ownership Rules, Section 63.54-63.58, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, First Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Inquiry, 56 FR 65464 (12/17/91), recon., 7 FCC Rcd 5069 (1992), aff'd, National Cable Television Ass'n v FCC, No. 91-1649 (D.C. Cir. 8/26/94); Telephone Company-Cable Television Cross-Ownership Rules, Sections 63.54-63.58, Second Report and Order, Recommendation to Congress, and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 57 FR 41106 (9/9/92), aff'd, Memorandum Opinion and Order on Reconsideration and Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 59 FR 63909 (12/12/94) 10 FCC Rcd 244 ("VDT Recon Order"), appeal pending sub nom. Mankato Citizens Telephone Co. v. FCC, No. 92-1404 (D.C. Cir. filed 9/9/92).

One of the more significant orders, the *Video Dialtone Reconsideration Order*, 10 FCC Rcd 244 (1994), issued November 7, 1994. That order determined NOT to refer VDT-related separations issues to a Federal-State Joint Board, purporting to defer these issues to a future "broadband" proceeding. Id. at ¶ 186. The FCC instead chose to deal with cost allocation and separations issues on a case-by-case basis. However, to "assist state regulators in assuring that video...costs are not improperly included in local rates", the Commission did specifically "require that LECs [to] identify all [video] costs by establishing two sets of subsidiary accounting records: one to capture the revenues, investments and expenses wholly dedicated to [video], the other to capture any revenues, investments and expenses that are shared between [video] and the provision of other services." Id. at ¶ 173. The Commission also specifically delegated authority to the Common Carrier Bureau to "...determine the content and format of the subsidiary accounting records as well as the quarterly reports." Id. In ¶ 186 of that order, the Commission continued by giving the Bureau the following separate, but closely related charge:

"To ensure that our decisions do not have untoward effects outside of our regulatory jurisdiction, we are directing the Common Carrier Bureau to monitor the impact of video...on separations results and on intrastate local telephone rates, and to report its findings periodically to this Commission. This... will provide us and state regulators with the practical experience and the data necessary to make appropriate decisions concerning the future of the Part 36 rules."

### III. DISCUSSION

NARUC has not had an opportunity to adopt a formal position specifically addressing this *NPRM*. However, based on a number of previous resolutions, a few relevant generic NARUC positions on LEC provision of video services can be derived. Copies of these earlier resolutions are attached.

In the resolutions, NARUC -

- (1) Urges the FCC to refer the jurisdictional allocation of "video" costs to a Federal State Joint Board for consideration and recommendation;
- (2) Contends that if a local exchange carrier chooses to provide video programming directly to subscribers in their telephone service areas, such services should be provided by separate subsidiaries or with adequate accounting safeguards to protect customers of basic telephone services from subsidizing this new service market; and
- (3) Contends that reporting requirements should be implemented to monitor the LEC provisioning of video programming and video dialtone services with regards to bona fide held orders for services, pole attachments and video channel capacity.

**A. NARUC SUPPORTS JOINT STATE-FCC MONITORING EFFORTS AND STATE DIAL-UP ACCESS TO FCC INFORMATION ABOUT OVS IMPLEMENTATION.**

In the R&O, at ¶ 75, the FCC, in conformance with §302(b)(1) and §302(b)(3), "revoke[d]: (1) the Common Carrier Bureau's Memorandum Opinion and Order adopting subsidiary accounting and reporting requirements for video dialtone; {note omitted} and (2) Responsible Accounting Officer Letter 25..., which sets forth specific guidelines for accounting classifications, subsidiary records, and amendments to cost allocation manuals for video dialtone."

However, the problems those orders were meant to address are not eliminated by the new OVS regulatory paradigm. In ¶ 28 of the *NPRM*, the FCC states that it must prescribe regulations that will "ensure that the rates, terms, and conditions" for the carriage of video programming on an open video system "are just and reasonable and are not unjustly or unreasonably discriminatory." Later, in the *NPRM*, at ¶ 70, the FCC "...seeks comment on what steps local exchange carriers should be required to take prior to certification with respect to establishing cost allocation procedures between regulated and unregulated services under Part 64 of the Commission's rules."

Both these statements implicitly recognize the 1996 Act's intent that ratepayers of basic telephone services not subsidize LEC competitive offerings. Such cross-subsidies not only could result in telephone ratepayers paying higher rates, or not receiving deserved rate reductions, but also would give LECs an unfair competitive advantage over competing providers of multichannel video distribution services.

NARUC's resolutions contend the FCC should electronically collect from all providers of integrated broadband services a minimum level of quantitative information and make it available to the States on a dial-up basis.

Specifically prior NARUC resolutions suggest that, for video services, the FCC should require, at a minimum, the following: (1) Financial information; (2) Market demographics; (3) Detailed statistics on service quality, including number and type of customer complaints; (4) System capabilities, such as number of channels, bandwidth availability, fiber/copper deployment; and (5) A detailed description of common/private carrier type services provided by the provider.

In the *VDT Reconsideration Order*, the FCC recognized that such monitoring activity will assist state regulators in assuring that video costs are not improperly included in local rates. As the need for such information has not dissipated, NARUC respectfully requests that, as part of its OVS implementing regulations, the FCC impose the minimum reporting requirements detailed above and make the data collected available via dial-up access to State regulators.

**B. REQUEST TO INSTIGATE THE PREVIOUSLY POSED "BROADBAND" JOINT BOARD PROCEEDING.**

Significantly, the 1996 Act did not eliminate 47 U.S.C. § 410(c). That section requires the FCC to refer formal rulemakings impacting separations procedures to a Federal-State Joint Board. Unless a physically separate dedicated cable facility is used, with a completely separate administrative support base, OVS services will raise joint cost issues and the corresponding need for compensating changes to the FCC's Part 36 procedures.



Moreover, the need to deal with the separations implications of any VDT systems grandfathered under the Act remains.

NARUC is on record in various VDT proceeding as recommending that the jurisdictional allocation of video costs be referred to the existing separations joint board. Indeed, in the *VDT Reconsideration Order*, the FCC conceded that video service-related separations impacts are possible by requiring the Bureau to monitor to see if any impact "on intrastate local telephone rates occur."

In that order, the FCC also said it will open "an inquiry proceeding focusing on a matter of paramount concern to both federal and state regulators--the implications for the jurisdictional separations process of the introduction of new technologies, including broadband technology, into the local exchange network." *VDT Reconsideration Order* at ¶¶ 186 and 190.

In the instant *NPRM*, at footnote 82, the FCC indicates it "...expect[s] that the specific cost allocation requirements of Part 64 between telephone company operations and open video system operations will addressed in a separate rulemaking, which the Commission will initiate shortly."

NARUC respectfully suggests that the need for the "broadband" joint board proceeding proposed in the *VDT Reconsideration Order* has not diminished.

Indeed, a review of NARUC's resolutions strongly suggest that, as part of the examination of cost allocation issues in the Part 64 proceeding proposed in this docket, the FCC should refer related separations issues to a Joint Board.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, NARUC respectfully requests that the FCC (1) generally support joint State-FCC monitoring efforts and respectfully requests that any data collected be made available via dial-up access to State regulators, and (2) immediately instigate a "broadband" joint board proceeding to examine the separations impacts of the new OVS regime.

  
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APPENDIX

NARUC RESOLUTIONS

**Resolution Concerning the FCC's Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in Docket No. 87-266**

**WHEREAS**, The Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM), Docket No. 87-266, released on January 20, 1995, seeks comments on telephone companies' provision of video programming to subscribers over their own video dialtone systems; and

**WHEREAS**, The FCC's tentative conclusion is that telephone companies' provision of video programming through their own video dialtone platforms should be subject to Title II regulation, rather than Title VI regulation, which applies to cable TV companies; and

**WHEREAS**, The FCC also is considering whether it should adopt additional safeguards to guard against anti-competitive conduct or cross subsidization, including separate subsidiary and accounting requirements for telephone company provision of video programming;

**WHEREAS**, The FNPRM further seeks comment on issues concerning reasonable access to pole or conduit space at reasonable charges and without undue restrictions on the use of pole or conduit space and facility capacity, functionalities and necessary billing arrangements to allow multiple providers access to users/customer;

**WHEREAS**, The FCC also calls for an inquiry on cross subsidy issues related to the introduction of new technologies into local exchange carrier networks, including video dialtone, and the offering of new services, including video programming; and

**WHEREAS**, These video programming and video dialtone issues are the subject of debate before Congress in the context of federal telecommunications reform legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Staff Subcommittee on Communications has conducted a survey of state regulators views on video dialtone service, held a workshop on video dialtone cost allocations and reviewed parties' positions; and

**WHEREAS**, The workshop demonstrated that industry providers are using, or proposing to use, different methodologies to account for and recover costs, and jurisdictionally allocate video dialtone costs; and

**WHEREAS**, The NARUC adopted a resolution in July 1994 urging federal-state cooperation in addressing uniform technical standards for interconnection and jurisdictional cost allocation issues associated with the provision of video dialtone and integrated broadband services; and

**WHEREAS**, The Federal Pole Attachment Act (Section 224 of the Communications Act of 1934) gives a state jurisdiction over the rates, terms and conditions of cable television system attachment to poles, ducts, conduits or rights-of-way owned or controlled by a utility if the state has certified to the FCC that such attachments are regulated in a way which considers the interests of cable television subscribers as well as the interests of utility customers; and

**WHEREAS**, Certain states have made such certifications and do presently have jurisdiction over cable system pole attachments; and

**WHEREAS,** The states have a continuing interest in ensuring that control over pole attachments and conduit space is not used in an anti-competitive manner; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Executive Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 1995 Winter Committee Meetings in Washington D.C., reiterates its recommendation that the FCC refer the jurisdictional allocation of video dialtone costs to a Federal State Joint Board for consideration and recommendation; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the NARUC supports telecommunications legislative and regulatory initiatives that would require all providers of common carrier services to be subject to common carrier regulation; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That if a local exchange carrier chooses to provide video programming directly to subscribers in their telephone service areas, such services should be provided by separate subsidiaries or with adequate accounting safeguards to protect customers of basic telephone services from subsidizing this new service market; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That reporting requirements be implemented to monitor the LEC provisioning of video programming and video dialtone services with regards to bona fide held orders for services, pole attachments and video channel capacity; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the NARUC General Counsel be directed to provide comments in the FCC proceeding to effectuate this resolution.

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**Sponsored by the Committee on Communications**  
**Adopted March 1, 1995**

**Resolution Concerning the FCC's Third  
Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking  
in Docket No. 87-266 and Forthcoming Notice of Inquiry  
on New Technologies (Including Video Dialtone)**

**WHEREAS,** The Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Memorandum Opinion and Order on Reconsideration and Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM), Docket No. 87-266, released on November 7, 1994, seeks comments on several outstanding issues related to the implementation of video dialtone; and,

**WHEREAS,** The Memorandum Opinion and Order also calls for an inquiry proceeding to focus on the implications for the jurisdictional separations process of the introduction of new technologies, including video dialtone, into local exchange carrier networks; and

**WHEREAS,** The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Communications Subcommittee has conducted a survey of state regulators views on video dialtone service, held a workshop on video dialtone cost allocations and reviewed parties' positions; and

**WHEREAS,** The workshop demonstrated that industry providers are using, or proposing to use, various inconsistent methodologies to jurisdictionally allocate video dialtone costs; and

**WHEREAS,** Uniform national technical, accounting and cost recovery standards for interconnection must be in place and enforced if there is to be any possibility of multiple providers of broadband services in a competitive marketplace; and

**WHEREAS,** The cost of deploying a nationwide broadband communications network should be allocated between the federal and state jurisdiction, as well as between regulated and non-regulated services, in an equitable and efficient manner; and

**WHEREAS,** The determination of whether intrastate investment by local exchange carriers is necessary and prudent properly resides with state Commissions, who must ensure that subscribers of basic services do not unnecessarily underwrite the costs of non-basic facilities; and

**WHEREAS,** The major portion of the plant of telephone companies is used commonly for both intrastate and interstate services, and a major portion of the telephone company's expense is incurred in the joint rendition of these services; and

**WHEREAS,** The Federal Pole Attachment Act (section 224 of the Communications Act of 1934) gives a state jurisdiction over the rates, terms and conditions of cable television system attachment to poles, ducts, conduits or right-of-way owned or controlled by a utility if the state has certified to the FCC that such attachments are regulated in a way which considers the interests of cable television subscribers as well as the interests of utility customers; and

**WHEREAS,** Certain states have made such certifications and do presently have jurisdiction over cable system pole attachments; and

**WHEREAS,** The Third FNPRM seeks comment on whether LECs seeking to provide video dialtone service should be required to show in their video dialtone applications that video programmers have available reasonable access to pole or conduit space at reasonable charges and without undue restrictions on the use of pole or conduit space; and

**WHEREAS,** The states have a continuing interest in ensuring that control over pole attachments and conduit space is not used in an anti-competitive manner; and

**WHEREAS,** The FCC currently prohibits the acquisition by telephone companies of cable facilities in their service area for provision of video dialtone; and

**WHEREAS,** The FCC has recognized that some markets may be incapable of supporting two video delivery systems and that in these markets the prohibition may serve little useful purpose and that the prohibition in these markets would therefore effectively preclude the establishment of video dialtone service, thereby denying consumers the benefits of a common carrier video transmission facility capable of serving multiple video programmers; and

**WHEREAS,** The Third FNPRM seeks comments on whether the prohibition should be amended so that LECs would be permitted to purchase cable facilities in markets that meet certain criteria; and

**WHEREAS,** The states have a compelling interest in ensuring that consumers are able to benefit from the provision of video services while not being unduly disadvantaged by their location or the potential inability of the market to support two wire-based multi-channel video delivery systems; and

**WHEREAS,** The Third FNPRM seeks comments on whether the FCC legally can, and should, mandate preferential video dialtone access or rates for certain classes of programmers, or whether to permit LECs voluntarily to provide preferential treatment to certain programmers such as noncommercial educational programmers; and

**WHEREAS,** Some states have already addressed the issue of promoting telecommunications applications in education in various ways, including through the use of preferential rates; and

**WHEREAS,** The Subcommittee on Communications has initiated a process to comprehensively address the issues raised in the Third FNPRM between now and the Winter Meetings in February 1995 and will be prepared to present a policy position for consideration by the Committee on Communications; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Executive Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 106th Annual Meeting in Reno, Nevada, reiterates its recommendation that the FCC refer the jurisdictional allocation of video dialtone costs to the Federal State Joint Board for consideration and recommendation; and be it further,

**RESOLVED,** That the FCC, through the Federal State Joint Board process, create jurisdictional separations and cost allocation procedures for VDT to be consistently applied by the industry; and be it further,

**RESOLVED,** That the NARUC intends to fully address the jurisdictional separations issues regarding video dialtone service and other new technologies in the forthcoming Notice of Inquiry; and be it further,

**RESOLVED,** That the NARUC General Counsel be directed to request a limited extension of time until March 31, 1995 for the submission of comments in CC Docket No. 87-266 to address all of the issues raised in the Third FNPRM; and be it further,

**RESOLVED,** That the NARUC General Counsel be directed to provide comments in the FCC proceeding to effectuate this resolution.

**Resolution Concerning Video Dialtone Network Development**

**WHEREAS**, The Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) decisions regarding video dialtone, described in its Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, First Report and Order, and Second Notice of Inquiry in CC Docket No. 87-266, are intended to make alternative facilities available for the distribution of video programming and other broadband services, in order to benefit consumers by providing them with additional choices; and

**WHEREAS**, In April of 1994, the NARUC and others submitted comments and filed petitions for reconsideration of the FCC's proposed rules and preemption of state authority in CC Docket No. 87-266; and

**WHEREAS**, The FCC has several video dialtone Section 214 applications pending;

**WHEREAS**, The FCC approved New Jersey Bell's video dialtone application without prescribing specific jurisdictional cost allocations and adequate monitoring provisions, although the FCC apparently will require the establishment of subsidiary accounting records to identify and submit quarterly reports on the revenues, investments, and expenses associated with video dialtone service; and

**WHEREAS**, Uniform national technical standards for interconnection must be in place and enforced in order to assure that multiple video providers are able to effectively compete; and

**WHEREAS**, The FCC must address through a Joint Board jurisdictional separations and cost allocations in conjunction with video dialtone offerings and other broadband services; and

**WHEREAS**, In April of 1993 the National Cable Television Association (NCTA) and Consumer Federation of America (CFA) jointly petitioned, and CFA later petitioned again in 1994, for the FCC to convene a rulemaking and a joint board to address and resolve these issues; and

**WHEREAS**, There is a need to collect basic industry information in a consistent format on the customer benefits derived from the video dialtone and integrated broadband investments of all providers of video services; and

**RESOLVED**, The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its Summer Meeting in San Diego, California, continues to support the deployment of this new technology in a reasonable manner.

**RESOLVED**, The FCC should electronically collect from all providers of video dialtone and integrated broadband services a minimum level of quantitative information, such as is filed in the Automated Reporting Management Information System (ARMIS) and to include, at a minimum, the following:

- Financial information in a simple income and balance sheet;
- Market demographics, including number of programmers using the system, number of customers served, number of customers passed, and number of non-subscribers by major category of services;



- Detailed statistics on service quality, including number and type of customer complaints (down time, loss of signal, interference, etc.);
- System capabilities, such as number of channels, bandwidth availability, fiber/copper deployment; and
- A detailed description of common/private carrier type services provided by the video dialtone provider; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the FCC should make available all such information to state commissions on a computer accessible dial-up data basis and furthermore, the FCC should make available to the public through the FCC CC Docket 87-339 Monitoring Report all information except that information protected from disclosure by law or FCC rule; and

**RESOLVED**, That the FCC should work cooperatively with the state regulatory agencies and franchising authorities to develop uniform technical standards for interconnection for video dialtone and integrated broadband services; and

**RESOLVED**, That the FCC should refer the video dialtone jurisdictional cost allocation issues, including the need to assure that there is no jurisdictional mismatch between allocation of revenues and costs, to a Joint Board; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the FCC should work cooperatively with the states to revise all the relevant rules to ensure that video dialtone service does not result in unreasonable cross subsidization; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the FCC complete a proceeding to resolve these issues within the next twelve (12) months based on NARUC's recommended joint governance procedures as described in NARUC's proposed amendments to S.1822; and

**RESOLVED**, That the NARUC General Counsel initiate and/or pursue any appropriate and necessary actions to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

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**Sponsored by the Committee on Communications**  
**Adopted July 27, 1994**

**Resolution Concerning the FCC's Automated  
Report Management Information System (ARMIS)**

**WHEREAS**, The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), on September 17, 1987, released a Report and Order for the purpose of establishing an automated system for collecting financial and operating data in order to facilitate the timely and efficient analysis of revenue requirements and rates of return, and to enhance the FCC's ability to quantify the effects of alternative policy proposals; and

**WHEREAS**, The ARMIS report is one of the safeguards established by the FCC to monitor the accounting separations of regulated and non-regulated joint costs and jurisdictional shifts between state and interstate for companies choosing the price cap form of regulation in the interstate jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS,** The FCC has modified its accounting rules to reflect changes in joint costs, tax allocations, litigation expense, pay telephone expenses and settlement expenses but has not made the necessary changes to reflect new organizational structures and technological changes; and

**WHEREAS,** The costs of specialized network components must be placed in existing Part 32 accounting codes and in some cases, the assignments are arbitrary and at the discretion of the LECs; and

**RESOLVED,** That the Executive Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 106th Annual Meeting in Reno, Nevada, continues to support the FCC Report and Order establishing ARMIS and its reporting requirements but requests that the FCC undertake an effort to update the reporting requirements to reflect industry changes; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Subcommittee on Communications continue to work on the ways to utilize the ARMIS mechanism and consult with the Staff Subcommittee on Accounts to determine appropriate utilization of ARMIS; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Subcommittee on Communications work with the FCC to identify and specify the changes that are needed; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Subcommittee on Communications continue to work with the industry to seek ways to use ARMIS to reduce or replace other existing reports that are currently being filed; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the NARUC General Counsel file a copy of this resolution with the FCC in the most appropriate way and take any action necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

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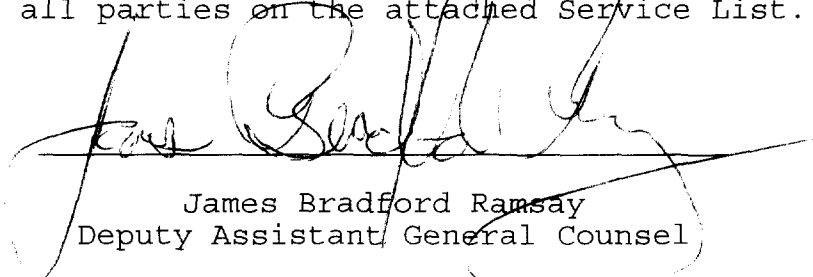
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